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### BRIEFS

■ **Jerry's Not Green Any more:** Freshman Assemblyman Gerald Green (D-Middlesex/Union) has introduced legislation that would allow New Jersey municipalities to use curfews as a tool to protect unsupervised children from criminal activity that often occurs in public places during late evening and early morning hours. Legislation terms would make it unlawful for a juvenile to be on a public street or in a public place between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. unless accompanied by a parent or guardian. — TRENTON

■ **Apartheid Negotiations Floundering:** Afrikaner and their continuing refusal to end apartheid is still posing a major stumbling block to the African liberation movement. Afrikaner rulers have "duped" mankind into believing in "deceptions" like negotiations, Bantustans, non-violence, Bantu Authorities, Native Land Acts, Separate Development, and more. To exacerbate the failure of African liberation, the world's mass media and international forums have turned from supporting black liberation efforts and have decided to support these so-called reforms. Regardless of whistleblowing on de Klerk's actions and his "reforms," African liberation has made and is making little headway. — SOUTH AFRICA

■ **James Supports USCM's Call for Recycling:** Newark Mayor Sharpe James recently announced his support of a resolution by the US Conference of Mayors calling for changes to the Resource Conservation Recovery Act (RCRA) when Congress reauthorizes the act. "The USCM's proposed changes to the RCRA will go a long way toward making recycling second nature for people throughout the nation," James said. "Had these proposals been adopted a decade ago, our environment would not be in the condition it now is." The USCM has called for the EPA to "develop and promulgate regulations governing modern landfills, municipal waste combustors and recycling facilities." Also, the USCM has proposed that Congress and the White House develop a "National Waste Reduction and Recycling Policy" which would require the federal government to buy recycled goods, institute a national public education program on resource conservation and recycling, and the formation of a national trust fund to assist local governments in developing recycling programs and retrofitting existing solid waste facilities to allow for recycling. — NEWARK

## The real basket case One dead, one injured in Plainfield barricade

by Stacey Peterson

PLAINFIELD — Mark Masters, 29, brought 18 hours of true horror to a former movie horror site. After barricading himself in his Wachung Avenue mansion on the morning of March 3 with his mother-in-law's mutilated dead body, he emerged around 7 a.m. on March 4, shot himself in the side, and turned himself over to police from his basement sanctuary. He was subsequently taken to Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick. The bullet did not damage any vital organs.

Masters' motivation: he said he did not want to be blamed for the death of his 74-year-old mother-in-law, Mary Mason. At press time, he was not charged with murder although police were waiting for an autopsy report stating the cause of Mrs. Mason's death. Masters does, though, face seven charges of aggravated assault for shooting at police which carries a 7-year prison term. He is also charged with illegal

possession of weapons, some of which included grenades, a Walther PPK, 380 semiautomatic shotgun, knives, and a sawed-off shotgun. During a press conference on March 4, Union County Prosecutor, Andrew Ruotolo gave the details of the barricade and continually

praised law enforcement officers from his office, the Plainfield Police Department, and the State Police Tactical Unit for resolving the matter with restraint. The story unfolds at the former Monday Afternoon Club on the corner of Watchung and Kensington

avenues, which was also the site of a horror flick, "Basket Case II." At around 12 noon on March 3, police received a welfare call from Minca Mason, asking them to check on her mother. According to Ruotolo, Masters approached his wife, telling (continued on page 6)

## African Americans urge Congress to halt forced return of Haitians

WASHINGTON, DC (NNPA) — Rep. John Conyers, Jr., (D-MI), the senior member of the Congressional Black Caucus, and the national office of the NAACP called a news conference last week on behalf of a "coalition of African American leaders to protest the (President George Bush) Administration's misguided policy on Haiti" before the scheduled debate and vote on legislation affecting the repatriation of Haitians in the United States. The action was taken after the Supreme Court refused to issue court orders blocking the return of Haitian citizens fleeing to the U.S. to "escape persecution in their home land."

Participants in the conference listed included Rev. Benjamin L. Hooks, NAACP executive director;

Rev. Jesse Jackson, President, National Rainbow Coalition and Senator, District of Columbia; Attorney Mary Frances Berry, Commissioner, US Commission on Civil Rights; Rep. Edolphus Towns (D-NY), Chairman, Congressional Black Caucus; Rep. Charles Rangel (D-NY), Chairman, House Select Committee on Narcotics and member, House Committee on Ways and Means, and Randall Robinson, Executive Director, TransAfrica, Inc. Conyers is a senior member of the House Judiciary Committee and chairman of the House Government Operations Committee. He is the sponsor of legislation to provide Haitian refugees temporary protected status, which the Supreme (continued on page 8)

## East Orange sponsors housing conference

EAST ORANGE — Mayor Cardell Cooper recently announced that East Orange will sponsor its first conference highlighting housing opportunities in the City on March 20 and 21 at Upsala College.

## Payne blasts Bush Administration on Haitian repatriation

by Jonathan Adriel Alston

SOUTH ORANGE — Congressman Donald Payne blasted the Bush Administration policy of forcibly repatriated thousands of Haitian refugees on front of over 600 high school students at Seton Hall University during Upward Bound's annual Tri-D celebration February 29.

"The Bush Administration welcomes with open arms immigrants from Eastern Europe while forcing thousands of Haitian immigrants back into the arms of an oppressive regime," Payne said. (continued on page 10)

The theme of the conference is "East Orange and Housing: New Jersey's Best Kept Secret." New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Commissioner Randy Primas and New Jersey Housing Finance and Mortgage Agency Director Kevin Quince are expected to participate.

Mayor Cooper commented, "the goal of the conference is to heighten the awareness among potential developers, investors, and prospective homeowners about the availability of existing quality housing and housing development opportunities in East Orange."

The two-day conference will include workshops that focus on major housing programs operating in the City, case studies and information about financing affordable housing and technical assistance for developers. The workshops will be led by representatives from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the New Jersey Housing Mortgage and Finance Agency and the City of East Orange.

According to Lorna K. John (continued on page 10)

## Mayor James helps welcome Nevada Court Mall



Newark Mayor Sharpe James, Congressman Donald Payne, Assemblyman Willie Brown and a host of other Newark officials recently gathered to celebrate the ribbon-cutting for the Nevada Court Mall located on Nevada and Court streets. Shown from left: Mayor James with the owners of the new downtown shopping mall, William Manns, Jr., S. George Reed, and Ruben Johnson.

## McDonald's makes the stuff from which dreams are made

by Olivia Gonzales

PATERSON — Children living in the inner city are often overlooked, they are stereotyped

to have self-centered attitudes, to be angry at the world, and to always be ready to express this anger through vandalism. Many people have come to expect the worst of them at all times.

The people at McDonald's believe exactly the opposite to this negative view. They believe that inner city youth have a lot to offer society and that if they are given the tools of a well-rounded education, these youth can grow to be productive members of society. McDonald's believes in these youth and is committed to helping educate them. In a world where inner city youth are often neglected, rejected, and put down, McDonald's strives to embrace, encourage, and uplift them.

On Friday, February 28, approximately 650 teachers and students of Paterson's School Number 28 received a fun-filled lesson on the "three R's"—not the expected three R's of reading, writing, and arithmetic, but the 90's version: reduce, reuse, recycle.

Yet this ecology lesson was like no other. The world-famous Ronald McDonald delighted everyone. (continued on page 7)



Helen Smith, second grade student at School #28 is part of "The Human Recycling Machine."

Photo by Amanda Brown

## Women's History Month Feature Harlem Princess: History full of trials and triumphs

by Larry Still

Part One  
WASHINGTON DC — Washington born Ruth Bates Harris McKenzie, who grew up to become a successful, national leader despite her young life as a protected pampered daughter of an uptown, New York City numbers baron, is still being treated royally in her hometown as she urges young and old fans to be true to their heritage in preparing for the 21st Century.

The publication of her autobiography, "Harlem Princess" has resulted in Mrs. McKenzie's being one of the most sought after speak-

ers in the nation's capital during Black History Month as she describes how she literally reached for the stars before "crashing" back to earth and rising again in a series of thrilling, but heartbreaking episodes throughout her lifetime.

How the vivacious Ruth Delaney overcame the early conflicts between her attractive, devout religious mother and her adoring, sophisticated, racketeer father, Harry B., helped shape the stimulating, lifetime journey from uptown New York to legendary "down home" Alabama, Florida and Mississippi communities. The story is chronicled in the 19 thrilling chapters. (continued on page 7)

by Denise M. Germain

PLAINFIELD — On March 16th, a new drug anti-loitering law, which was recently signed into law by Governor Florio, will be in effect throughout the state. During the March 2 regular Plainfield City Council meeting, Union County Prosecutor Andrew Ruotolo, explained the new law to concerned citizens at the meeting.

The law will make it a disorderly persons offense to loiter for sale, sale, or distribution of drugs. If

a person continually stops cars or passes money and objects while in a public place, he can be picked up. Ruotolo stated that sometimes hand signals or gestures are used when making drug deals.

One resident Dorothy Jenkins, said that often times the police may think a hand gesture is a signal of some type, when it actually may be a hand shake or something simple like that, she said she was afraid of the law, due

to the fact that she has heard and observed officers treating people in a less than courteous manner.

Community activist Venus Hannah, stated that she felt as though the law will be used as another vehicle for the police to be more brutal. Ruotolo stated that the "police will be trained the best way we can," so nothing like that will happen, "give the law a chance. Mrs. Hannah stated "you know history."

Other residents seemed concerned that the City might be slapped with a sudden increase in lawsuits under new law. Ruotolo stated that if people want to sue (continued on page 8)



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### Eagle Award Recipient Reverend Frank Allen Taking A Stand



Reverend Frank Allen

Reverend Frank Allen, a long-time Plainfield community activist, does not believe in taking anything lying down. Off and on, in a near 30-year tenure as head of Plainfield's branch of the NAACP, he championed reforms that bash discrimination in the school district as well as in surrounding companies.

He says his crowning glory was his and the Chapter's campaign to rid the Plainfield Board of Education of its discriminatory policies.

"We had to make a change in the system because we believed we

were right," Rev. Allen said.

He explained that they gave the school system the opportunity to desegregate on their own but soon discovered a more aggressive tactic was needed. They took the board to court in the early 1960's and Plainfield schools were soon after desegregated.

"We had to get the Board of Ed to come around to our way of thinking," he said.

He and the NAACP also forced area businesses as far as Somerville, New Brunswick, Piscataway, Scotch Plains, and others out of their discriminatory practices. Rev. Allen said that minorities knew they had a problem they could come to the Plainfield Chapter for help.

He said that even though he retired as president seven years ago, he still sits on the board of directors and said he would like to see the Chapter again make the aggressive moves it was once known for.

He said it's important for City residents to not let other groups economically push them out of their community. With some groups owning businesses in the City, blacks are not getting much of a break. He would like to see the NAACP address the matter.

## Maxie Jackson named Newark Employee of the Month

NEWARK — Maxie Jackson, assistant chief of buildings in the Division of Public Buildings, was named February's Employee of the Month by Mayor Sharpe James.

"Of all the people who have been named Employee of the Month, I think everyone can see why Maxie has been chosen. He is always busy and he does his job with professionalism and care. Maxie is a model employee," James said.

Jackson was hired by the City under the Public Employee Program (PEP) and after several years transferred into the Comprehensive Employee Training Act Program (CEETA). He was finally hired into the Division of Public Buildings, where he currently works. Jackson's duties include, overseeing staff assignments, performing special maintenance work, delivering supplies, and handling the logistics for the Mayor's special programs.

Although Jackson is neither required nor paid to work Saturdays, he said he often comes in just to help out.

"I wasn't always concerned about the money," Jackson said. "A job needed doing so I did it. Being helpful and doing a good job was enough compensation."

Jackson noted that over the years, he has collected numerous certificates and letters of thanks for his extra help.

"Soon or later I knew I would be chosen as Employee of the Month," Jackson stated. "For years I watched everyone else being recognized and it feels good to finally



Maxie Jackson

have my day."

A South Side (Shabazz) High school graduate, Jackson noted that when he first started with Public Works, municipal employees were required to attend Essex County College three days a week, which at the time, he noted, was located where City Hospital is now.

Jackson, who has resided in Newark most of his life, lives with his wife, Elizabeth, and has two sons Troy and Mark.

## Coping

by

Dr. Charles W. Faulker

### The black survival strategy: Talk

Talk, talk, talk, talk...These words represent the general strategy of black people and the strategy of black leaders in America.

In the hundreds of years that blacks have been in America, there is no movement toward first class citizenship. Blacks are still the door-mats of American society. In the past 20 years, there has been an influx of Vietnamese, Japanese, Koreans, Iranians, Russians and other nationals, coming to America to live. In virtually every case, they achieve business success, often making large sums of money through the businesses that they open in black neighborhoods. And blacks get poorer and poorer.

What is the major black remedy for their plight? Talk, talk, talk, talk.

Blacks are some of the strongest supporters of the American system. They have given their lives, in wars, in disproportionately large numbers to protect the very system that abuses and disrespects them. For their fine obedience to their country, they receive the reward of police brutality, legal discrimination, joblessness and public rejection. And what do blacks do to change things for the better? Talk, talk, talk, talk.

Blacks are expected to behave like first class citizens, and for the most part they do. Yet, they are treated like third class citizens. One

would almost think that blacks enjoy taking this continuous punishment. Palestinians are fighting back. Black South Africans are taking the spear in hand. Black Americans talk, talk, talk, talk... And their plight grows worse, worse, worse. Yes, Jesse says "pray." Tony says "buy black." Calvin says "vote." However, every Black American knows that, regardless of who is elected President of the United States next year, blacks will continue to suffer. The presidency will not change things one iota for blacks, unless Buchanan becomes President in which case blacks might end up in concentration camps, if not worse. (Don't laugh. Stranger things than that have happened.)

It is clear that the black strategy for acquiring freedom isn't working - and likely will never work. Yes, blacks continue to talk. I am sick and tired of writing nice-sounding, theoretical, nebulous columns about the black condition in America when I know, and you probably know, that nothing that is now being debated or talked about is going to even slow down the descent of blacks into oblivion. By the year 2000, most blacks will be dead, in prison, in permanent poverty, or in hospitals with AIDS.

Next week, I will propose a strategic plan that we can put into action, or we can continue to just talk.

## Honoring those who dare to soar

### Career Day at Saint Michael's Medical Center

NEWARK — Adults interested in changing careers and students planning to enter the job market soon are invited to attend Career Day at Saint Michael's Medical Center, 268 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, 1992 and will offer information on health care careers such as nursing, radiology, pharmacy, social services, human resources and more. No recruiting will be done at this event. It is strictly a forum for individuals to explore the various career opportunities available in the health care setting.

To ensure an even flow of participants, groups are asked to schedule an appointment by calling Saint Michael's School of Radiography at 201-877-5595. Individuals do not need an appointment, and free parking is available.

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## CALENDAR

call 1-800-FREE-LAW, ext. 209.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

PLAINFIELD — A series of Wednesday workshops for family caregivers will be offered at the Plainfield Senior Center, 306 East Front Street, from 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. For more information call 908-753-3506.

PLAINFIELD — The Housing Authority of Plainfield will meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Liberty Village Community Room, 205 Liberty Street.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 13

SUMMIT — The Expressway to Substance Abuse will be presented by James Coccaro, M.D. from 7:30 a.m. at the Summit Hotel, 570 Springfield Avenue. For more information call 908-912-2686.

JERSEY CITY — A legal advice seminar for seniors will be conducted at the Pavilion Branch of the Jersey City Public Library at 10 a.m. For more information call 201-847-4524.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 15

WESTFIELD — Understanding the 12 Steps Program from a Spiritual Perspective will be the topic of a seminar given from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Union County Center on Alcoholism and Other Drug Addictions, Inc., located at 200 North Avenue East. For more information call 908-233-8810.

WAYNE — Peggy Nonan, speechwriter for Ronald Reagan and George Bush will talk about "Communicating the Presidency" at 8 p.m. at William Paterson College. For more information call 201-595-2371.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 14

EDISON — See concept cars, television sets, and the latest in cars and trucks for 1992 at the New Jersey International Auto Show through to March 22 at the Raritan Center Exposition Hall.

PLAINFIELD — Plainfield Public Library will hold Shyness & Social Skills workshops with a coupled dropout at 11:00 a.m. For more info call 908-757-1111.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 15

PLAINFIELD — Plainfield Public Library will present Fred and Patty Fischer Jazz Concert from 3:00 p.m. For more info call 908-757-1111.

### MONDAY, MARCH 16

MORRISTOWN — Spring Art Classes will begin at the Morris County Art Association, 10 Catherine Lane. Classes will also begin on the 23rd. For more information call 908-267-1722.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 17

MADISON — Dr. Solomon Jones will discuss the "Political Future of Africa" at Fairleigh Dickinson University, Lenville Hall, at 8 p.m.

CRANFORD — Representatives from 100 colleges throughout the northeast will be on hand at Union County College for their second annual College Fair from 7-9 p.m. For more information call 908-708-7377.

PLAINFIELD — The Plainfield Board of Education will meet for their executive session at Emerson School at 8:30 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

MADISON — Dr. Elena J. Cilicelli will discuss "Teaching Chemistry to Zimbabwes" at noon in the Sullivan Lounge of Fairleigh Dickinson University.

WESTFIELD — FEMALE, Formerly Employed Mothers at the Leading Edge will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Westfield YMCA, 220 Clark Street. The discussion topic will be "Managing Change: Parenting in the Nineties." For more information call 908-732-3574.

PLAINFIELD — Plainfield Public Library will present Marion Howard on "Influence of African Americans Women in Art," at 7 p.m.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 19

TEANECK — "Jazz and Poetry of New Jersey" will be performed by the Connie Henry Trio. Also, readings by Jeanette Curtis and Zayid Muhammad will take place at 8 p.m. at Fairleigh Dickinson University's Muesseville Hall at 1000 River Road. For more information call 201-937-8003.

JERSEY CITY — Claudia Zupnick will conduct a workshop on "Reducing Teacher Burnout and Student Dropout" from 4-6 p.m. at Jersey City State College. For more information call 201-200-3084.

NEW BRUNSWICK — The book, The Woman Warrior by Maxine Hong Kingston, will be discussed by the Minority Literature Club of New Brunswick at 7 p.m. at the New Brunswick Free Public Library on Livingston Avenue. For more information call Trevor Riley at 908-220-1984.

MADISON — Dr. Arno Liberman will host a seminar entitled "Slides of Africa: A Personal Experience," in the Hartman Lounge of Fairleigh Dickinson University at 12:30 p.m. Also, Dr. Barbara Hampton will discuss "Centuries: Case Histories in the Arts and performance," in Lenville Hall at 8 p.m.

PLAINFIELD — Plainfield Public Library will host a film program at 4:00 p.m. and the Library Board of Trustees meeting at 7:00 p.m.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 20

MONTCLAIR — "A Single Vision," a singles group will welcome speaker, Diana Fiske who will be on "Commitment or Leaving into Life," at Montclair University Club at 7:30 p.m. For more info, or directions call 746-8471.

MADISON — The Printmaking Council of New Jersey will hold a fundraising evening at Schering Plough corporate headquarters from 6 to 8:30 p.m. For more information call 908-725-2110.

MADISON — Mor Thiam with Les Ballet Africains will take place in the Fairleigh Dickinson Student Center at 8 p.m.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 22

NEWARK — The Montclair Branch of the NAACP will host its annual Freedom Dinner at the Gateway Hilton at 3 p.m. The special guest speaker will be Reverend Dr. Calvin Butts of Abyssinian Baptist Church in Atlanta. For more information call 201-744-0012 or 201-744-4578.

PLAINFIELD — Plainfield Public Library will present "Impressions of Ireland," a photo exhibit from 2:30-5:00 p.m.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 24

PLAINFIELD — The Plainfield Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. at the Plainfield High School Conference Room.

PLAINFIELD — Jaa Plainfield Public Library will offer a Stress Management Workshop from 7-8:45 p.m.

PLAINFIELD — The Plainfield Historic Bar Association will present a municipal court seminar from 7-9 p.m. at the New Jersey Law Center. For more information call 609-771-2365.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

NEW BRUNSWICK — The New Jersey State Bar Association will present a municipal court seminar from 7-9 p.m. at the New Jersey Law Center. For more information call 609-771-2365.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 26

PLAINFIELD — The Plainfield Public Library will offer a film program at 4:00 p.m.

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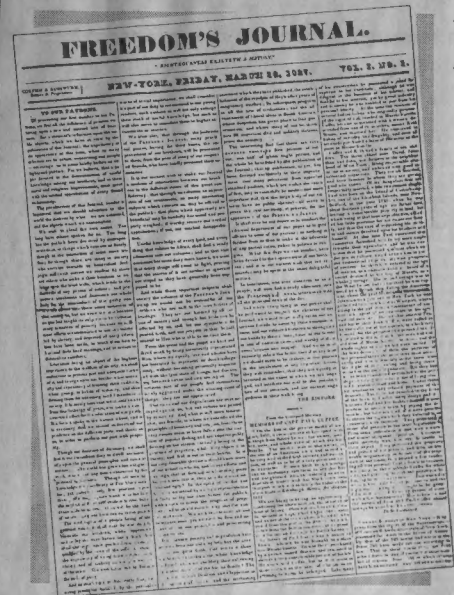
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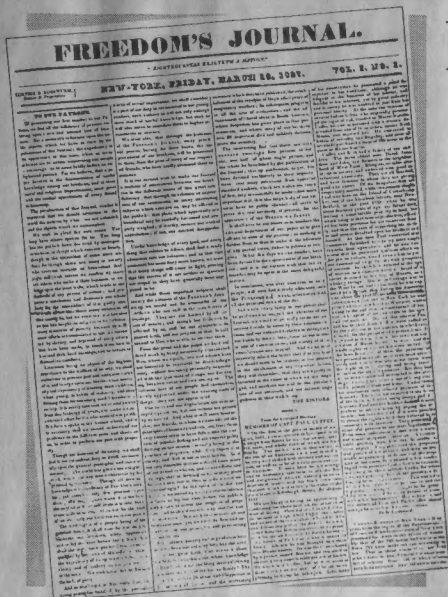


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# OPINION EDITORIAL

## Listen to their message

It seems like whenever we turn on the television or the radio or pick up a newspaper or magazine, we are bombarded with the horrors of the results of contracting Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. AIDS.

Recently, two people impressed me with their dedication to informing the public about this terrible virus. One, of course, is Magic Johnson, who joined with his pal and basketball court rival, Larry Bird, to meet with some inner-city youths in Boston's Roxbury section in order to break the facts about AIDS down to them.

We just hope that it moves these youths to make some wise choices when and if they decide to become sexually active.

Another young man was profiled on a television program as he crusades throughout the state of Florida informing his peers about the AIDS virus.

This young man is 20-years-old and was diagnosed with the virus at the age of 14. He is a Cuban immigrant who struggled with his family just to survive in America and succeeded in high school as a scholar athlete. He is attractive, personable, intelligent, and he is dying. But, instead of succumbing to the sadness and depression that one feels when they know their time on earth is very limited, he uses his energy to get the knowledge out.

He does not want to be pitied and he should not be. He is to be admired and his message is one that should be adhered to. He realized that he made a made an error in judgement but he is doing what he can to keep his peers from doing the same thing.

Let's hold these people in the highest regard and let's really listen to what they have to say — it's the difference between life and death.

Victory through Urban Information,  
put another way...  
Win with City News!  
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## Letter to the Editor...

### A thank you to Elizabeth's police and fire departments

#### Dear Editor:

The National Forget-Me-Not Association for POW/MIAs would like to express our deep appreciation for the hard work and continuing support of the Elizabeth Police and Fire Departments for their tireless devotion to Americans who are still prisoners of war and missing in action from the conflict in Southwest Asia, Korea, and from World War II.

The recent spaghetti dinner they sponsored not only provided desperately needed financial support to the Association, but also helped tremendously to spread public awareness about the plight of our missing Americans.

Our gratitude is also extended to the over 600 residents of your area who attended the dinner and expressed their love for the families and men whose fate is still undetermined.

With the generous support of individuals and groups like these, we believe we will be able to accomplish our goal to return home American POWs and achieve as complete an accounting of the missing as possible.

**Daniel Wood**  
Mr. Wood is State Chairman  
NJ Chapter  
Forget-Me-Not Association  
for POW-MIAs Inc.

## Quote of the Week

"The Bush Administration welcomes with open arms immigrants from Eastern Europe while forcing thousands of Haitian immigrants back into the arms of an oppressive regime. It is clear the only reason they are being sent back is because they are black and they are poor."

**Congressman Donald Payne**  
Trio Day  
Seton Hall University

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# As I See It...

by Connie Woodruff

In January, with the help of her husband, Freeholder Arthur Clay (Republican) and four disgruntled Democratic Freeholders, Heather Clay was in and Democrat Adrienne Davis was out as Clerk to the Board of Chosen Freeholders in Essex County.

But last week, the same Democrats who voted against Davis, joined with the Democratic majority on the Board to institute her in what other bizarre political move that rivals anything Hudson County Dems do that is unusual.

It really hasn't settled the continuing feud between Essex Executive Tom D'Alesio and Democratic Party chairman, Ray Durkin. But with Adrienne back on the job some semblance of peace may settle over the Hall of Records.

It also shows that when Stephen Aduabo, Sr. of the North Ward (Newark) Education Center flaps his powerful political wings, the flaps fly. Aduabo made no secret of the fact he was unhappy over Davis' ouster as Freeholder Clerk and the way it was done. I'm willing to bet he'd do a happy fella that one of his staunchest confidantes and constituents is back on the job, Congress.

Stevie. If you've got power, by gosh, flaunt it!

The fact that the Newark Housing and Development Authority Board of Directors chose Harold Lucas for the executive director was not a surprise.

For months the rumor mill had been buzzing Lucas would get the juicy plum even though the Authority Board was conducting a national search for the right person.

Actually Lucas is not a bad choice. He has a law degree, is active in real estate circles, cool under fire, well known in the community and knows a lot about land use, redevelopment, housing, resources and people.

In addition he's got lots of friends in Newark City Hall from the Mayor's office to the secretarial pool.

East Orange City Council president Quilla Talmadge was ready and willing to be acting mayor last week while Mayor Cardinal Cooper was off for a little R & R. It is reported that when Cooper left for an undisclosed vacation site Freeholder Leroy Jones (city treasurer) was designated to be acting mayor. But Jones left town also and that, according to an informant, "kind of

left things up in the air," thus clearing the way for Talmadge to act as chief executive in case of an emergency. And there's always the possibility the lady may take a real liking to the job.

Everytime Charlie Bell runs for re-election to the Newark Board of Education folks think there's something else on his agenda.

A couple of times it has been rumored Bell was really building a substantial war chest because he really wanted to run for mayor of Newark. While the incumbents at the time really didn't believe Charlie was running for anything other than the Board of Ed, they kept a wary eye on him.

Now the rumors have started again. This time a lot of folks think Bell is building up a war chest and support to challenge State Senator Wyonna Lipman in next year's primary election.

Lipman is not given to believing rumors, but some of her friends are not taking the possibility lightly especially since Essex Democrats are at each other's throats all over the place.

Not all the feuding and fighting is among Democrats. Essex County Republicans have a war going on in

their midst and it all stems from the "election" of Verona Deputy Mayor James (Jim) Treffinger to replace Assemblyman Monroe Lustbader as Freeholder.

Essex Republican Party chairman John Renna is catching hell again for supporting a Democrat-turned Republican for political patronage. Treffinger is a former Democrat. In the past several years Renna has welcomed Democrats into the Republican Party. Remember when Nick Amato became a Republican and was elected county executive? Then last year Renna supported Louis Greenleaf for Sheriff a few weeks after the former Newark Police Director declared a change of heart and political preference.

But John Renna is a tough political leader with the smarts and the stamina to ride out any storm that comes his way.

I wonder if Governor Florio is as tired of all this battling for power as the rest of us? But the governor has more to lose than the innocent bystanders. In two years his bid for re-election could depend on how stabilized the political climate is in Essex County where Black Democrats are indeed the balance of power.

# From 'Air Castles' to Reality

by Edward N. Long

It is painful, as a Plainfield resident, to read the negative accounts by the media; however, we must get angry — we must face the reality of the situation and bear the brunt of the negative criticism. We must, also, realize that our government, whether it be federal or local, will only be as effective as the individual we elect to represent us.

We have been misrepresenting for a long time. We have endured petty bickering, personal agendas and personality clashes which have disrupted the normal, crucial flow of business. This nonsense has to stop. We can put an end to this petty old BS. Vincent's student who wrote City Charter be revised to provide for the election of a full time Mayor with a salary commensurate for a Chief Executive Officer, and that the Council be similarly disposed. Once this occurs talented individuals with the expertise necessary to oversee and administer budgets and a tax base which is comparable with major corporations will be attracted.

The Queen City has much of which to be proud and we should capitalize on our fine points. One source of pride should be our newly elected Assemblyman Gerald B. Green. We should rally around him and give him all of the support we can muster. Assemblyman Green is the first African American elected to represent the 17th Legislative District, of which Plainfield is a part. Further, he is a Plainfield resident. He has had to overcome many hardships in his public life in order to reach the pinnacle of power. If Plainfield does not appreciate that one of its own has succeeded to prominence they only have to look back at

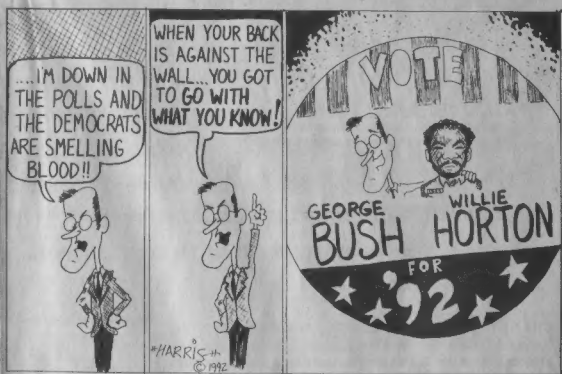
the tenure of former Assemblyman David Schwartz. He would breeze into town with a song on his lips during campaign season promising "air castles," and being glib, we danced. For reasons unknown the promises were never fulfilled. We no longer have to dance to strange tunes. We have a representative who is a Plainfield resident committed to improving the quality of life and has the leverage necessary to effect change. To strengthen his position, we have the responsibility to elect

individuals who reflect the high ideals we require for elective office.

We have a responsibility to upgrade the image of our City. We must not rely on the media to report favorably on activities which we permit to go on in our community. Newspapers are in business to make money and people buy papers to read about sensational items.

In this regard, we must limit the negative sensational items and project the positive aspects of the Queen City. We have embarked on

a journey to improve the educational portion of the equation by proposing to elect two qualified individuals to the Board of Education. A prerequisite for attracting business and people with qualifications that would enhance the City's image to relocate to our City is to have a premier school district. We hold the key to acquire better representation and effect change. Don't get upset by media's portrayal — we are taking the first steps toward recovery and we must march on.



Letter to the editor...

## Welfare needs reform on all levels

#### Dear Editor:

I would like to commend Ms. Zarinah V. Knight, the fifteen-year-old St. Vincent's student who wrote the excellent commentary on the need for welfare reform. Her observations of the behavior of a group of welfare mothers were very informative and timely. Justifiably, Ms. Knight has every right to be angry at what the need a terrible situation. However, I would like to, if I may, draw an even larger picture of the entire welfare mess, which is totally out of control. Welfare programs like most governmental human service programs is badly in need of reform; on ALL LEVELS. Not only does welfare provide stipends, food stamps and temporary housing for the poor but also provides millions of dollars of income for many businesses, of which a large number are corrupt to the core. What really needs to be reformed is the way in which funds are allocated for expenses such as shelter, furnishings, food stamps and medical care. For

example, there are many slum lords who collect millions each year for charging ridiculous fees for housing welfare clients in run down housing facilities and putrid hotel. Retailers collect millions for accepting vouchers for furniture and other household items which sometimes never reach the homes of welfare recipients. This claim can be evidenced by the recent Essex County indictments of a handful of Newark furniture store owners and welfare case workers who were charged with operating a massive voucher-for-cash scheme. Then there are other retailers such as neighborhood food stores that exchange cash for stamps without food purchases. Not long ago, I watched the owner of a Chinese restaurant negotiate with a young woman and then exchanged thirty dollars for a one hundred dollar book of food stamps. This act was committed openly and without any regard for my viewing the transaction. The medical profession has earned a lot of income from welfare

too; by billing Medicare and Medicaid for bogus treatment and prescriptions to welfare patients. Other businesses that have benefited immensely from welfare include check cashing stores which charge high rates for cashing checks because banks won't cash welfare checks. And finally (?) welfare administrators are culpable as well. Like most programs, welfare is top heavy. I can safely say without bothering to research that 60-70 percent of welfare funds are more than likely earmarked for administrative costs which are probably just as shameful and criminal as all of the aforementioned.

Ms. Knight, you are totally correct in your assertion that welfare needs reform. Sure it must be reformed at the TOP first. I honestly believe that the majority of mothers who receive welfare are truly deserving. The group of mothers that you spoke of are indeed manipulators of the system but in essence they are hopeless victims who have

been used by the system and influenced by white collar criminals who receive far more of a "stipend" than those mothers would ever see. Welfare has become a sickening mess and a target of racist innuendo by politicians appealing to the fears of white middle class voters. I once worked as a job developer in a program that provided job training and placement assistance for welfare mothers. I must say that the majority of the participants I was exposed to, demonstrated to me a willingness to improve the quality of their lives and the desire for being dependent upon a corrupt and ineffective system of assistance. I only hope that intelligent and great writers such as Ms. Knight continue to write and speak up toward the old boy network which continues to rape the public trust and rob the working class.

David J. Reeves  
66 Veer Avenue  
Newark, NJ 07112

# YOUTH/EDUCATION/SUCCESS

## East Orange Children's Theater features Pamela Tyson

**EAST ORANGE** — Storyteller and actress Pamela Tyson will present a children's performance at the Little Theatre on the campus of Upsala College, 345 Prospect Street, East Orange, on March 14 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Ms. Tyson is currently playing the role of Queen-then-Pharaoh Hatsheput, at the Yale Repertory Theatre. Ms. Tyson has appeared off-Broadway in "Beating on the Drum Commander" and in 1990 received an Obie Award for her work in "Imperceptible Mutabilities in the Third Kingdom." Ms. Tyson has

worked in numerous regional theatres as well as in film and television and appeared in Spike Lee's "Jungle Fever" and in PBS' Great Performance Presentation of the "Colored Museum."

The Children's Theatre Program is a series of monthly performances by area artists and companies. The series will run through May. For more information call the Orange Children's Theatre Program at 201-266-5123 or 266-5142. This performance is part of the East Orange-sponsored Children's Theatre series.

## NASCA announces Artists in Education Program

**TRENTON** — Applications are now available for the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State's Artists in Education Program.

The AIE program is a statewide program jointly funded by the National Endowment for the Arts and the New Jersey State Council on the Arts and local school districts. The AIE residency program promotes the arts as an integral part of education and enhances the existing arts programming in the schools.

Through this program, some of New Jersey's finest professional artists

will work in dance, theater, music/jazz, folk arts, visual arts/crafts and writing are placed in schools, grades K-12, providing students, teachers, and members of the community access to invaluable resources. Programs may also focus on development of curriculum and professional development for teachers.

The deadline for receipt of applications from artists and schools is March 30, 1992. For more information call Brenda Rittenhouse, Arts Education Coordinator, at 609-292-6130.

## UCC hosts financial aid workshops

**CRANFORD** — Three financial aid workshops aimed at helping the middle-class tuition assistance of New Jersey's colleges will be conducted during March at Union County College's Elizabeth and Cranford campuses.

The free workshops will be held at 10 a.m. and again at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11 on the Elizabeth campus, and at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17 on the Cranford Campus.

The programs are designed to provide information about the types of financial aid available to students, the process of obtaining such

assistance, and how to complete the forms to insure that students receive the maximum financial aid for which they are eligible. Students or prospective students at New Jersey colleges are welcome.

Similar workshops are slated for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7, in Cranford; 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 22, in Elizabeth; 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5, Cranford; 10 a.m., and again at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 18, in Elizabeth, and 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 4 in Elizabeth.

For more information call 908-709-7089.

## Paul Cuffe: An American Explorer

by Conrad Jackson

Last month while African Americans intoxicated themselves in their luscious secular history, rightfully so, an indubitable opportunity passed us by: a time to analyze critically and formalize our victories; consequently, we have wasted yet another poignant moment to re-tell our liberation machinery; henceforth, we have regulated our history to a one month "love affair" which divorces us from future economic and spiritual awakening.

As we Afro-Americans face the guillotine of economic depression, we must not only celebrate our past victories, but, it is encompassed on us to analyze critically how our ancestors were victorious.

Paul Cuffe, like so many other Africans, climbed the hills of bravery and conquered the tyranny called slavery. The son of an ex-slave African and a woman of indigenous ancestry (Indian), the Massachusetts native rose to triumph the cause of Africans throughout the diaspora a century and one half before Marcus Garvey propagated his exodus to Africa movement.

W.E.B. DuBois categorized Pan-Africanism once as, "the tendency of some Africans and New World Negroes to unite their efforts in a common struggle to destroy the derogatory image of Africans and Negroes." Paul was a symbol of that tendency with an uncompromising spirit.

That spirit would be tested severely during the American revolution. In the winters of 1780 and 1781, Paul with his older brother John, petitioned then Massachusetts Governor, John Hancock for the same privileges of the white man. If not, they would withhold their tax payments. Needless to say, their efforts were unsuccessful but not

insignificant. According to the Freedom Journal (vol. 1, March 1827), Paul and John Cuffe should be remembered as the trailblazers who cleared the path to equal rights within the boundaries of Massachusetts. An astute entrepreneur with a love for whaling, Cuffe had illusions that once he became financially secured he would assimilate into the white society. But painfully, he came to realize, like so many of us will, that individual success doesn't guarantee individual respect.

By 1796, the fugitive slave act was compensating slave owners for lost "merchandise." The south being its major benefactor and Virginia the bounty hunter capital. Virginia was the bedrock state for recapturing free blacks. The term "free blacks" was a misnomer for "only Whites are free in Virginia."

But that didn't stop the black captain from entering Norfolk, Va. in 1796 with an all black crew in a vessel built by blacks. To the dismay of the white plantation owners, a "Negro" could navigate a vessel, not to mention own it.

The Wesport was a major influence in his community importing goods from Europe, Africa and the West Indies. Not forgetting his patriarchal duties, the father of seven would subsequently share his imports with his fellow brethren in and around Westport, Massachusetts.

Paul the navigator had the perspicacity that transcended distance, yet he perceived his ultimate goal at one which would create a trade link between Africa, Europe and America. One which would link his brothers by commerce and consequently help tear down slavery.

His most rewarding exploration would culminate on March 1, 1811 nearly three months after departing from Philadelphia and miraculously escaping from French captives. The black captain and his

crew had accomplished their goal. They arrived in Freetown, Sierra Leone, a town already home to Afro-Americans who had made the trip before Cuffe.

According to author Lamont D. Thomas (Paul Cuffe — Black Entrepreneur and Pan-Africanist, University of Illinois Press, Chicago, 1986), Mr. Cuffe conceived Sierra Leone as "a nation to be numbered among historians' nations of the world."

Caught in the same dichotomy as we Africans face today living in America on whether to exodus from the land where our fore-parents' blood were spilt or to remain and fight the injustices, the Pan-Africanist saw the issue of separation as one solely intertwined with the survival of his people. And perhaps slave owners should give ex-slave Africans "their" plantation on a lay" just as ship masters paid dues to their crew. Therefore, the proposition for repatriation was an imperative requisition nearly two centuries ago.

Mr. Cuffe was chastised and called an Accommodationist because of his work with the white-led American Colonization Society (ACS), who were using him to promote racial separation, but the subsequent death or continuation of servitude for his black brethren was for him a more pernicious demon.

By February of 1816, captain Paul Cuffe, a crew of seven, eighteen adults and twenty children completed their transatlantic voyage. After a short hesitation by then British Governor MacCarthy in allow-

ing them to come ashore, the returning Africans stepped on the soil of Sierra Leone, and established their "new home."

Paul Cuffe might not have been a radical for his time, but he knew that "black economics" was a key component to our gigantic struggle to re-capture our stolen legacy.

At the age of 58, the ailing activist died on September 7, 1817, the way he wanted it; quietly. By contrast, his life echoed throughout America from the Capital to Virginia, from Liverpool to Africa, he left us with, like so many of our ancestors, a blueprint for struggle, and a haunting history which isn't castrated of all its triumphant glories.



## KRS-1: hard beats for hard times

by Terry Benjamin

KRS-1 (Kris Parker), rap's angry young black man, is back and he's had it up to here, especially with

*You come into the place you can't look in my face  
Cause the light is bright and I'm towering in height  
You see there are millions of stars in the sky  
When the sun appears none are visible to the eye  
Why? The reason is the sun is the sun  
You can't possibly rock until I'm done*

Like A Throtille  
KRS-1

groupies, bogus journalists, President Bush, and those who mix religion with politics. The self-proclaimed "BlastMaster" deals with all these subjects and more on "Sex And Violence," his sixth album. Following in the hit making, head means tradition of "Criminal Minded" (1987), "By Any Means Necessary" (1988), "Ghetto Music: The Blue Print of Hip Hop" (1989), "EduTainment" (1990), and "Hard Core Hip Hop World Wide" (1991) this LP has KRS-1 teaching but not preaching his unique style of hard core beats and controversial rhymes. But be warned that this is KRS-1 at his hard core best, sprinkling profanities throughout this rap seminar.

In 1991 Boogie Down Productions is KRS-1, Willie D, and Kenny Parker and all others formerly associated with BDP, including D-Nice and KRS-1's ex-wife Ms. Melodie, have gone their separate ways. Along the way BDP has picked up producers like Prince Paul and Pal Joey.

On top of a Prince Paul beat, KRS-1 tells black and Hispanic dealers to wake up on "Drug Dealer" where he raps: "Understand historical fact, every race got a hit from selling drugs except black." And KRS-1 uses their terms to use their gotten gains to invest in business. Prince Paul also provides beats on "Sex And Violence" and "How Not To Get Jerked" where KRS-1 offers wise advice to wannabe rap stars: *You need a lover and a good manager. Without this the record companies will be having ya*

So I'm grabbin' ya now showin' ya how Not to get jerked when ya do hard work.

Pal Joey's beats provide the base for KRS-1's rapping on "Who Are the Pimps?" where KRS-1 pulls

the covers off the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) by saying: "They look you straight into your face/And tell you that your money is going to a good place/Like Social Security or welfare/But if you go to the Baha-

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And Good" ride on Pal Joey beats. "Buff Ruff" features Freddie Foxxx boasting and dissing rappers along with KRS-1. On "Questions and Answers," KRS-1 interviews himself and slams journalists who refuse to promote hard core hip hop music.

KRS-1's brother, Kenny Parker provides beats for many exciting cuts, most notably on the hard core classic "Like A Throtille" where KRS-1 smashes the competition with hard beats and even harder rhymes:

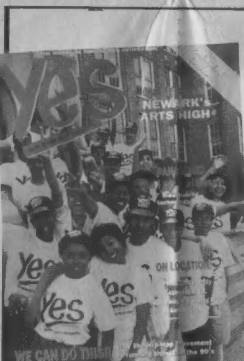
*I'm the freshest thing on the mize don't mess wit me  
I'm fresher than your Grandma's fried chicken recipe  
Don't test me you ain't a chemist  
And I sure ain't chemistry*

*You're not a mathematician  
And my name ain't geometry.*

"Poisonous Products" (The insane economic game has got to change). "We In There" (The type of lyrical terrorism I present educates people at the same time pays my rent). "Build And Destroy" (I lecture in rap without rehearsal) manifest as a black man but I'm universal), all include Kenny Parker beats.

The controversy continues on "The Original Way," "Say Gal," and "The Real Holy Place" where KRS-1 discusses the serious lack of competition, aggressive groupies, and the connection between religion and politics, respectively.

According to KRS-1 (on the liner notes): "SEX AND VIOLENCE represents radical and television, in that order. I call this album SEX AND VIOLENCE because this what entertainment has become in '92 thus creating a more sexist and violent youth that I speak to daily through hard hip hop music for hard times!"



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## RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

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**DUNELLEN**—The Dunellen United Methodist Church, 150 Dunellen Avenue, will hold a Flea Market from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Two floors of dealers will feature antiques, collectibles, records, and wine elephants. For more information call 908-968-6155.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

**NEW BRUNSWICK**—An evening of Gospel Music with Sister Sade and the Famous Bluebelles will take place at 7:30 p.m. at the Sharon Baptist Church at 25 Howard Street. For more information call 908-745-4458 or 908-745-5888.

**NEWARK**—The New Hope Baptist Church Scholarship Fund presents a gospel concert featuring Roberta Flack and the New Hope Youth Inspirational Choir at 7 p.m. at the New Hope Baptist Church, 108 Sussex Avenue. Doors open at 6 p.m. For more information call 201-622-4547.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

**PLAINFIELD**—Crescent Avenue Church will be hosting their annual Good Friday Concert at 8:15 p.m. at the church located at 716 Watching Avenue. They are welcoming area singers to participate. For more religious call 908-756-2468.

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## New Hope Baptist Church to host McDonald's GospelFest preliminary competition

NEWARK—The New Hope Baptist Church will be one of the host churches for the preliminary competition of the eighth annual McDonald's GospelFest.

Over 250 gospel choirs from New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut will participate in the competition which celebrates the music's rich tradition and also provide an opportunity for the choirs to lift their voices and gain recognition.

New Hope will host the preliminary round on March 14. The preliminaries will continue on Saturdays throughout March and April in the tri-state area. Other partici-

pating churches include Antioch Baptist Church in New York City, Calvary UFW Baptist Church in Brooklyn, Bethel AME Church in Norwalk, CT, Bethel AME Church in Freeport, NY, and First Church of God in Christ in St. Albans, NY.

GospelFest has attracted more than 1,500 gospel groups, spanning from seven to 200 members since its inception in 1985.

Winners of the preliminaries will advance to a semi-final competition on Saturday, May 16 in Manhattan. The final competition/concert, is scheduled for Saturday, June 13 at Carnegie Hall. The evening

will be highlighted by performances by some of gospel's brightest stars. Proceeds from the evening will benefit the United Negro College Fund.

In addition to the chance to sing on the great stage at Carnegie Hall, choirs will compete for prizes, as well as opportunities such as an appearance on Black Entertainment Television's "Bobby Jones Gospel."

McDonald's is proud to help keep the legacy of gospel alive and help these talented performers fulfill their dreams through GospelFest, the largest gospel event in the tri-state area," said McDonald's restaurant owner Lee Dunham.

## Peace Medical donates \$10,000 for AIDS research at Saint Michael's Medical Center

NEWARK—Peace Medical Company of Orange has donated \$10,000 to the Peter H. Raskas Fund for AIDS research at Saint Michael's Medical Center in Newark.

Peace Medical is the manufacturer of isolation chambers used to treat patients in outpatient AIDS clinics all over the United States. The chambers were introduced and

AIDS clinic two years ago, before they were used at other hospitals.

"With the help of Saint Michael's Medical Center, these machines have become a nationwide success," said Frank Gagliardi, president of Peace Medical.

The Infectious Diseases Division at Saint Michael's Medical Center provides the most current treatments, care and education to its patients. The division continually receives major grants for AIDS research and treatment, and has applied for federal funding to further study heterosexual transmission of AIDS and general AIDS care.

## Education pioneer Polly Williams receives Human Rights Award

WASHINGTON, D.C.

ONPAA—Wisconsin State Assembly Representative Polly Williams (D-17th District) has been awarded the FREEDOM Magazine 1992 Human Rights Leadership Award for her exemplary leadership in leading the first education choice bill passed in the United States.

The award was recently presented to Rep. Williams by FREEDOM Magazine's Editor-in-Chief Tom Whittle during the First Annual FREEDOM Human Rights Leadership Awards Dinner held at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C.

"Polly Williams is a strong advocate for the rights of African Americans," Whittle said. "Her consistent approach and dedication to increasing the political representation, equal rights, and quality of education for African Americans is setting a precedent in this nation for the government and the American



Polly Williams

public to follow. We are proud to have this opportunity to celebrate with Ms. Williams and share with other human rights advocates her achievements in protecting the basic rights of Americans."

Williams' education choice legislation, which was passed in 1990 with an unusual coalition of African American, Republican and conservative Democratic legislators, has been hailed for enabling hundreds of poor inner-city parents to take their children out of failing public schools and place them in good private schools.

## Muhlenberg Dedicates Breast Health & Mammography Center



Standing in front of a new mammography unit, officials of Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center discuss the importance of the Breast Health and Mammography Center which was dedicated on Valentine's Day. From left: Errol Warner, M.D., surgical director of the center; Joanna O'Brien, R.N., director of the center; Gordon E. McKillop, M.D., radiology director of the center and Garrett M. Keating, M.D., chairman of the medical center's Board of Governors.

PLAINFIELD—Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center dedicated its Breast Health and Mammography Center on Valentine's Day.

"The Breast Health and Mammography Center is the first of our Centers for Excellence, facilities and services designed to provide the highest possible level of care and treatment for our patients," said John R. Kopicki, president and chief executive officer. Kopicki called it a "one-stop center for

women with breast center concerns."

Kopicki said that Muhlenberg has installed a new low-dose film screen mammography machine, the most advanced piece of mammography equipment available today. "This unit can provide us with a clearer, more precise image than ever before possible."

"We anticipate serving between 800 and 1,000 patients at the Plainfield Center in September."

detection and modern treatment of breast cancer.

"A mammogram can spot trouble years before it can be felt," Dr. Keating said. "The center also recognizes the importance of regular breast exams by a physician. That's why the center will cooperate with the patient's attending physician or, for women needing a physician, arranged for an examination and follow-up care."

## UCC agrees to seek Branch Campus designation for Plainfield

CRANFORD—The Board of Trustees of Union County College voted Tuesday, February 15 to seek Branch Campus designation for its operations in Plainfield as an Extension Center.

Since 1988, the College has been operating its Plainfield operations as an Extension Center.

In 1989, the College purchased nearly a city block between East Second and East Third Streets and Church Street and Roosevelt Avenue as the former "Courier News" building for its Plainfield Center. The building is currently closed for major renovations and is scheduled to reopen in September, 1992.

Dr. Thomas H. Brown, UCC president, said a Branch Campus designation is required, because the College beginning in September, 1992, will be offering Associate Degree programs there. They are: Liberal Arts, Business, Account-

ing/Data Processing, Business Management, Occupational Therapy Assisting, Physical Therapy Assisting and Respiratory Therapy.

"This Petition to seek approval for a Branch Campus operation in Plainfield is another major step in our efforts to provide the higher educational services needed by the residents of Plainfield and Western Union County," Dr. Brown said.

"We anticipate serving between 800 and 1,000 students at the Plainfield Center in September."

In addition to the Associate Degree programs, the College plans to offer Practical Nursing, which leads to a diploma, and English for speakers of other languages through its Institute for Intensive English, which leads to a certificate, as well as a wide variety of continuing education courses.

The Plainfield Campus is a major part of the College's Urban Initiatives, which included the open-

ing/Data Processing, Business Management, Occupational Therapy Assisting, Physical Therapy Assisting and Respiratory Therapy. The objectives of the Urban Initiatives are: to increase accessibility to higher educational opportunities through proximity; increase opportunities for collegiate transfer and career programs; increase employment through job training; increase educational levels and literacy; increase aspirations for high school students to seek postsecondary education; and increase English-speaking ability for the non-English-speaking community.

The renovated Plainfield Center will have 11 classrooms, an 82-seat lecture hall, eight laboratories for computer science, allied health, nursing and biology, faculty and administrative offices, library, academic learning center, food services, book store, student lounge, and physical plant spaces.

several times and through the telephone hook-up, police heard 11 rounds being fired inside the house. Sharpshooters from the State Police were positioned in trees and around the house but never once shot at Masters.

The County Prosecutor stated that negotiators were able to convince Masters to come out after saying he would not be harmed and they would get him some help.

through the night with Masters from a command post set up on a neighbor's yard, with Ruotolo continually praising Captain John Driscoll of the Plainfield Police Department and Lieutenant Joseph Fitzgerald for exercising bravery and restraint, particularly towards the end of the barricade when Masters shot seven times at police.

Ruotolo said during the negotiations, Masters threatened to shoot

## Seton Hall Law students receive March Incentive Awards



Gregg Linder and Leonard Zhovtis, March Incentive Awards winners are shown during a recent ceremony in the Mayor's office. Both received a "Distinguished Citizen" award from the Mayor and a check for \$250 from radio station WNNX-FM for their brave actions during a fire at Renaissance Towers, in Newark. From left: Linder, Mayor James, Zhovtis.

NEWARK—Newark Mayor Sharpe James recently named Gregg Linder and Leonard Zhovtis as March's "Citizens of the Month" for their brave actions in helping to remove two injured people from the ledge of a burning building.

Linder and Zhovtis, both second-year students at Seton Hall Law School in Newark, became aware of a fire that started on the ninth floor of Renaissance Towers in Newark and immediately alerted the other residents.

When they returned to their seventh floor apartment, they noticed that a man had jumped from a ninth floor apartment, and landed on the cement ledge outside their window, quickly followed by a woman who landed on top of the man. Zhovtis pulled the man and woman inside the apartment, and both young men carried the victims down seven flights of stairs to safety. Both students suffered severe back strains from the lifting and carrying.

Mayor James commended Linder and Zhovtis for their "true heroism. These young men had the courage and compassion to risk their own safety and well-being to aid their neighbors, and they certainly deserve recognition for their deeds."

The Wisconsin representative has achieved national recognition for this achievement and has been profiled by major national and international television news programs for her education choice position, including appearances on "60 Minutes," ABC's "Good Morning America," CBS' "Morning Show," the British Broadcasting Company, and scores of national newspapers.

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## Class reunion

JERSEY CITY—The classes of January and June 1944 are gathering for their class reunion from Wm. L. Dickinson High School in Jersey City on March 5, 1992. For more information write to Class Reunion, PO Box 0204, Monmouth Beach, NJ 07750.

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## Payne, Del Tufo, featured at Community Awards Breakfast

NEWARK—Congressman Donald Payne and State Attorney General Robert Del Tufo were the guest speakers at the First Annual Community Awards Breakfast on March 7, held by the Concerned Men of Seth Boyden Elderly.

Other public officials scheduled to appear at the event were Newark Councilman Gary Harris and Henry Martinez, as well as Councilwoman Marie Villani.

The Concerned Men of Seth Boyden Elderly is a tenant-based organization established to improve public safety at the Newark Housing Authority's complex. The organization was created this past December by a group of senior citizens residing at the public housing complex and who decided to become actively involved in restoring safety and engineering a sense of community pride in their neighborhood.

(continued from page 1) her that her mother was dead. He was carrying a gun. Mrs. Masters then left the house, picked up her daughter from school, and called police.

Ruotolo said that when police arrived, there was evidence showing that Mary Mason was dead. Masters admitted to severing his mother-in-law's hands.

Police negotiated continually

## Barricade in Plainfield

# WEEKLY LIFE

## Behind-the-Scenes

by Lisa Collins

latest is the whopping \$3 million Janet Jackson will give Jimmy Iam and Terry Lewis to produce and co-write her first Virgin album. The sum is reported to be three times the previous high paid to a producer. It is the third album Jackson has done with the awardwinner producing duo. She begins work in April. Virgin hopes to ship the record by Christmas. ...Meanwhile, Latoya Jackson has signed to a one-year singing gig at Paris' famed Moulin Rouge.

Sony Music just won't be the same without Luther Vandross. Perhaps that's why they're fighting so hard to keep him. But Luther wants out, and the two parties are now trading punches in court. The first blow came when Vandross filed a motion in L.A. Superior Court stating that he was no longer bound to his 1981 contract under a California Labor Code section limiting personal service contracts to seven years. Sony countersued, citing Vandross' "ongoing and exclusive obligation to deliver to Sony Music up to six additional albums under a 1986 agreement." Sony also says Vandross owes them more than \$1.5 million plus interest for two loans in the late 80's. What's more, Sony is seeking \$100 million in lost revenues for the six (undelivered) albums, and to prevent Vandross from signing with another label. Ironically, Vandross is leaving Sony not so much for more money, but exposure. Thus far, his successes have been limited to the realm of R&B.

On the home front: The five-bedroom, 5,000 square foot beachfront home owned by Miles Davis has been put on the market for \$2.65 million. And let me set the record straight on that rap tragedy at City College. Michael Warren who represents Puff Daddy (one of the promoters), tells me that insurance had been waived by the university, and contrary to earlier reports, the event was never overruled. By the way, Louis Gossett Jr. is currently focusing through Ethiopia in an attempt to focus world attention on the plight of the Borana nomads, an ancient tribe of cattle herders facing starvation...

CULVER CITY, CA — It's another big year for black filmmakers with the impending release of over a dozen films from black filmmakers and/or featuring top name black stars. Eddie Murphy is slated for two, including "Boomerang" (with Robin Givens and Grace Jones (the Brothers produce), and "Distinguished Gentlemen" from Disney. Lou Gossett also stars in two films set for release this year, including "Aces: Iron Eagle III." Danny Glover has the screen in "Lethal Weapon 3," Ice Cube and Ice-T team up in "The Lovers," and Whitney Houston will make her onscreen debut (opposite Kevin Costner) in "The Bodyguard." Sidney Poitier returns to the screen this fall in "Sneakers," and black matinee idol Wesley Snipes stars in "White Men Can't Jump," due this month. "In Living Color's" Damon Wayans makes his filmmaking debut with "Mo'Nasty" this summer. He also stars. Director Bill Duke's latest, "Deep Cover," makes its way to the big screen this spring, with Larry Fishburne in the lead. Among other films due out this spring is "A Class Act," starring Kid N' Play, along with "Fresh Prince" costars Karyn Parsons. Films due later this year include Kevin Hooks' "Passenger 57" and Spike Lee's "Malcolm X." Slated for release sometime during the holidays, Lee's film is by far the most anticipated.

Not To Be Outdone: Scenic Easy-E (founder of the controversial rap group N.W.A.) is determined not to be outdone by former friend-turned-rival, Ice Cube, and has thrown his hat into the filmmaking scene. He's presently rounding up finances for a film he wrote and plans to star in. He says the film, a bloody revenge tale set in South Central Los Angeles, will make "Boyz n' the Hood" look like an afterthought special. Of course, fellow N.W.A. members Dr. Dre, Yella and Ren would be featured. Those famous Jackson siblings (Janet and Michael) are famed for breaking and/or setting records. The

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### Meet: Abdur-Rahim Rasheed, Office Manager, Customer Service Center

Abdur-Rahim Rasheed has been with PSEG for 27 years. During this time many have come to know Mr. Rasheed because of his cheerful and efficient way of resolving customers' problems. As the office manager of the Newark Customer Service, he is responsible for responding to the concerns of thousands of customers.

Mr. Rasheed echoes a common belief: "We have the responsibility to give something back in order to make a difference."

With his community service focused on education, he makes the time to tutor high school students through the North Edison Civic Association and to provide Islamic counseling at five New Jersey correctional facilities. He also serves as a mentor through the 100 Black Men Organization. The list of activities includes more than a dozen additional volunteer relationships. PSEG wants to help put the power in your community's hands through volunteer support like Abdur-Rahim Rasheed. Please write or call to get the power in your hands.

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## BILLBOARD

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

**RAHWAY** — "The Shoe," a satire of Orson Welles, will be performed through the 14 at the Union County Arts Center at 8 p.m. For more information call 908-499-8226.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

**INGLEWOOD** — OnStage in New Jersey will present, "John Amos in Halley's Comet," at the John Harris Center. For more info, call 201-242-8110.

**SOMERVILLE** — Raritan Valley Community College will present direct from the People's Republic of China, "The Peasants' Revolt," at 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12.50, all Matinee seats; evening, \$15 OrchMezz, \$12.50 Balcony.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

**PLAINFIELD** — The Friends of the Plainfield Public Library will present Fred and Patty Fischer: "The Original Glad Rags," at the Plainfield Public Library, West 8th at Park Ave. at 2:30 p.m. For more info, call 908-757-1111.

**PLAINFIELD** — "Tenebrae," one of the Crescent Concerts, will take place at 5 p.m. For more information call 908-756-4448.

WESTFIELD — Temple Emanu-El will present, "Meatly Music, Music De Ca Camera," a concert. For more info, call 232-3712.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

**UNION** — Kean College will present a concert entitled, "Waverly Concert," at the Wilkes Theatre at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12.50 for senior citizens. For more info, call 927-2337.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

**MADISON** — The Printing Company of New Jersey will present, "Collectors' Event '81," at the Schering Plough corporate headquarters from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., featuring original prints of the members of the Schering Plough Council. For more info, call 908-725-2110.

**WESTURY** — The Stylistics, Blue Magic, and the Dramatics will perform at the Westury Music Fair at 8 p.m. For further information call 916-334-9900.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

**NEW BRUNSWICK** — "The Waverly Concert," music in the Year 1482: The Age of Columbus, will be featured at the State Theatre, 19 Livingston Ave. at 8:00 p.m. For more info, call 908-246-7488.

**UNION** — The New Jersey Ballet Company will perform at the Wilkes Theatre at Kean College at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$16; \$12 for senior citizens. For more info, call 927-2337.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

**PLAINFIELD** — Friends of the Plainfield Public Library will present Impressions of Ireland, photographs by Jean Matheux; Celtic Songs by Ann Marie Antiqua. For more info, call 908-757-1111.

**EAST ORANGE** — OnStage in New Jersey will present Mary Angelov, Sis. Sadie and the Famous Billelles, at East Orange High School. For more info, call 201-242-8110.

**WESTURY** — Gladys Knight will perform at the Westury Music Fair at 8 p.m. For further information call 201-334-0000.

**UNION** — "The Adventure of Peter Rabbit," will be performed at the Wilkes Theatre in Kean College. Admission \$5. For more info, call 927-2337.

**SUMMIT** — Calvary Church's Calvary Chorus will host, "Music & More," at 4:00 p.m. Admission is free. For more info, call 207-1547.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

**NEWARK** — OnStage in New Jersey will present, "Lady Soul: Cabaret Tribute to Aretha Franklin," at Newark Symphony Hall's Terrace Ballroom through March 26. For more info, call 201-242-8110.

**TRENTON** — Trenton State College Theatre productions presents, "The Vanities," at Trenton State College's Travers-Wells Main Lounge from March 26-28 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$3 students and staff; \$5 general public.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

**RAHWAY** — The theater production, "Six Act Circus," will perform at the Union County Arts Center at 8:00 p.m. For more info, call 499-8226.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

**NEW BRUNSWICK** — "The Royal Winnipeg Ballet dance returns to the State Theatre, 21 Livingston Ave. at 8:00 p.m. For more info, call 908-246-7488.

**NEW BRUNSWICK** — Crossroads Theater will host the Genesis 1992 new play festival through to April 12 at the theater located at 17 Livingston Ave. at 8:00 p.m. For more information call 908-246-5580.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

**NEW BRUNSWICK** — "The Prince and the Pauper" by Mark Elliot, Richard Holland and Judy Wolden at the George Street Playhouse, 9 Livingston Ave. thru April 5. For more info, call 908-246-7717 or 246-7468.

**PATERSON** — OnStage in New Jersey will present Phyllis Yoonice Sweeney at Passaic County College. For more info, call 201-242-8110.

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## Harlem Princess: History full of trials and triumphs

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## CCW presents seventh annual Women's History Month Celebration

JERSEY CITY — Shirley Watson, president and founder of Concerned Community Women of Jersey City, Inc. announced the club will present their Seventh Annual Women's History Month Celebration '92 in a special tribute to African American women: "Heritage of Pride: The Foundation of Our Survival." The program will take place at Dineen Hall, Roy Irving Theatre, St. Peter's College, Kennedy Blvd. on March 21 at 1 p.m.

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## McDonald's

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erone with magic, interactive games, and songs while teaching valuable lessons on the importance of protecting the water, land, and air of the earth in show entitled, "You and Me and Ecology."

Children in Kindergarten through the fourth grade equally enjoyed the show. Donna Kerwein, a teacher of the second grade, commented, "The children were awestruck. No one this famous has ever been here before. They were very excited to meet (Ronald) in person." However, this time, the children were the star. Ronald explained each point with the assistance of teachers and students he randomly picked from the audience according to their good posture and bright smile.

During the entire show, the children were totally involved. They made a human recycling machine, performed magic and joined in singing Ronald's rap song. They showed their excitement in learning as they eagerly shouted out the correct answers to Ronald's ecology questions.

Ronald's trip was sponsored by Jim Henderson of Paterson's Broad-

way and Madison McDonald's and the New York McDonald's Corporation COOP. Ronald's "You and Me and Ecology" show is a part of the McDonald's Corporation's national program of "McDonald's in Education," another way for McDonald's to give back to the community through its continuing commitment to education.

The school's principal, Mary K. Holmes, was assisted in arranging the visit by Bonnie Pondick. After the show, Bonnie commented, "When you think about urban kids, you don't think about ecology. The show is a real eye opener. It is hard in the city, (Having seen it) will make a difference in their lives."

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## BUSINESS CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

**NEWARK**—A workshop entitled "Starting and Managing Your Own Business" will be held at New Jersey Bell, 540 Broad Street, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. It is being given by the Newark Chamber #12 of the Service for Financial Executives. For more information call 201-645-3982.

**WEST WINDSOR**—"Essentials of PCOOS" will be given from 7:30 p.m. and again on March 15, 8 a.m. "Osteology" will be given from 6:10 p.m. All classes will be held at Mercer County Community College. For more information call 908-988-9446.

**ATLANTIC CITY**—The Home Owners Warranty Corporation of New Jersey will participate in the '92 Atlantic Builders Conference/New Jersey Builders Association Convention. It will take place from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Taj Mahal Hotel/Casino. For more information call 609-725-1421.

**EAST HANOVER**—The Ministry Business Development Group will host a seminar, mini trade fair, and dinner focusing on "Doing Business with Minority Vendors" from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. at the Ramada Inn/Route 10. For more information call 973-3100.

**SOMERVILLE**—The Somerville Chamber of Commerce will have a "Lift Off Aqueduct" orientation session from 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at the chamber located at 64 West End Avenue. For more information call 908-725-1552.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

**MOUNTAINSIDE**—Marilyn Lynch will be having a seminar on "Marketing for the 1990s" at the tower Steak House located at 1047 Route 22 East, at 7:30 p.m. For more information call 908-785-4320.

**BROOKWATER**—"How Do You Become More Productive?" will be the focus of a roundtable discussion held by the Somerset Chamber of Commerce at Jack O'Connor's Restaurant, Rt. 22 East. For more information call 908-725-1552.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

**PARAMUS**—Introduction to Robotics...A Hands on Approach will be the seminar offered by the Science Training and Resource Institute from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Room 308 of Bergen Community College. For more information call 201-447-7471.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

**BROOKWATER**—The Somerset Chamber of Commerce will have a First Time Homebuyers Seminar at the Holiday Inn, Rt. 22 East, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. For more information call 908-725-1552.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

**NEW YORK CITY**—U.S. General Services Administration will host a Minority Business breakfast from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the New York Restaurant located at 319 Broadway. For more information call Carolyn Schreiber or Gwen Williams at 212-364-1234.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

**MALVERN, PA.**—Chen Room Basics is the topic of an all day workshop to be presented at the Fairmount, 12 Chesler Valley Parkway. Discussion will include clean room construction, cost, and sanitation, and humans as a contamination source, among others. The workshop will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information call 908-665-8877.

**PARISSENY**—"The Women in Management series" will be held at BASF Corporation, 100 Cherry Hill Road from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information call 908-795-3520.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

**CAMDEN**—Financing Options for Small Businesses will be discussed from 7:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. at the Harbour League Club. Those attending will learn some inside angles on financing businesses in the 1990s. For more information call 908-635-8177.

**BEDMINSTER**—"Pricing for Value" will be the topic of a roundtable discussion hosted by the Somerset Chamber of Commerce. It will take place at Wilma's Taverna, Rt. 202 North. For more information call 908-725-1552.

## Women in Business Conference to be held in March

**NEW YORK CITY**—Diane Von Furstenberg, Dr. Lorraine Hale, Martha Stewart, Beverly Johnson, Jane Bryant Quinn, Harriet Michel, Frances Lear, Grace Mirabella, and many other business and professional women will highlight the 12th annual National Women in Business Conference for Women in Business from March 19 to 21.

Over 350 business experts will be on hand at the Sheraton Centre to share their knowledge and experience in order to help fellow business women and entrepreneurs reach their business goals.

Topics like "Why Businesses Fail," "Spreading the Wealth: Minority Businesses," "Women and Self-Esteem: Vital Link to Success," "How to Succeed in Public Relations/Advertising," "What the New Consumer Wants," "Your Professional Image: Do's and Don'ts," "Mechanics of Starting Your Own Business," "Writing Your Business Plan," and several others will be addressed by women with years of experience in their fields.

For registration and conference information call 212-688-7676 or 1-800-321-6952.

## Business Exchange...

# Scout out new talent

by William Reed

WASHINGTON, DC, (NNPA)—It's time to recruit and name new talent for African-American leadership. In the past weeks, two of the leading names in Black America have announced their retirements from responsible roles representing our communities. After 18 years of distinguished and dedicated service, former Congressional Black Caucus Chairman Mervyn Dymally has announced his pending departure from Capitol Hill. And the 13 year head of the venerable NAACP, Benjamin Hooks, has also stated that he is leaving his post. The major question that should be about asounding Black America is, "Who will assume their leadership roles?"

In the past three decades, it seems that the people of our race have had little say in who leads them, and where. While political positions do require the electoral consensus of the constituency, the nation's political incumbent retention rate is a horrible 99 percent. Many citizens, black and white, believe that political term limitations are in whose time has come. In the civil rights organiza-

tional structure, there are also moves to limit the terms of these leaders. It seems that once they get a taste of mainstream power, the Black Old Guard have jealously maintained their positions with little regard for the concept of developing new leadership. Most national black elected-officials have over 10 years in office and the heads of SCLC, CORE, Urban League, and the National Council of Negro Women have been around since the early days of Methuselah.

In the political case of Dymally, instead of going quietly into senior statesman status, this 9-term congressman elected to throw dirt in the face of 1/4 million Compton, California black voters. In his exit speech, instead of pointing out his outstanding record on numerous domestic and African affairs and sitting down, Representative Dymally had the gall to try and make his House Seat a "Family Affair" and endorse his daughter as his replacement in what should be, The People's Congress. In the civil rights arena, Hooks' departure next year from the NAACP should make room for new faces and new names to lead this great organization for a younger well-trained turk to take the reins

and lead this organization toward a broader membership base and increased black clout in social, political, and corporate circles.

Looking at the bottom line of Black American achievements during the past 20 years should give all of our so-called "leaders" much reason to pause and think of writing their memoirs. If they were heads of major corporations, would the accomplishments of these CEOs over the past years qualify them for addition to the board, or would the stockholders simply throw them out? In 1965, there were about 300 black elected officials in the U.S., while today there are more than 7,000. What has happened since these people gained office? Have they increased the lifestyles and opportunities for The People from their districts, or have they gained seniority status by helping to maintain the status quo in their respective houses? The national black civil rights leadership is as bad as our political elite. Every year the same old faces come forth to tell us, "how bad things are for us in this country." They neglect to address the fact that under their lead things have gone from bad to worse. They, nor current black leadership circles, seem to fully grasp

the old saying that, "If you keep doing 'what you been doing' you'll keep gettin' what you always got."

Once they got into office, too many black leaders refuse to leave. They've neglected to develop new leaders, although our population today has more capable individuals to choose from than ever before. Black America needs more building in its inner-circles. We need stron-

ger and louder voices in the houses of representation. We need more "pork" from Capitol Hill's barrels of benefits, and organizational leadership toward investments in hotels, convention centers, and neighborhood enterprises. We need to scout out new black eyes to see new visions and new cars to hear new and productive directions for our People.

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## Newark's real estate auction

**NEWARK**—The City of Newark recently held its first public real estate auction of the year at the Quality Inn Hotel. According to Marshall Cooper, manager of the Division of Property Management, 39 vacant lots and 42 structures were sold during the recent auction bringing a total sales gross of \$1.1 million.

The auction, which attracted a crowd of over 600 people, also was attended by representatives of lending institutions, construction firms and real estate brokers who were on site to provide helpful information regarding financing, renovation and upgrading of purchased properties.

Cooper said the prices paid for the properties averaged \$12,000 and ranged upwards to \$175,000 for an office building at 125-27 Broad Street. In many cases the properties were obtained by the City after foreclosures or were taken over after homes that had been damaged were abandoned, he explained.

"I am always amazed at the number of people who come out during these bad economic times. It is always good when we have people

who are willing to re-invest in the City's neighborhoods," concluded Cooper.

Mayor Sharpe James thanked everyone who had come "to do their share for Newark's renaissance," and noted that in addition to improving the City's image by purchasing and renovating these properties each purchase is a sound investment for those individuals.

James further pointed out, "We all share the responsibility for Newark's renaissance. With the

great need for affordable housing, the public real estate auctions provide a tremendous opportunity for Newark residents to own property which can be renovated to provide apartments that other Newark residents can afford."

"The great success and notoriety of the auctions is a testament to the faith and commitment invested in Newark's continued city-wide growth and progress, continued James."

## New anti-loitering law

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they will. He added that the law is not the cure all of the social ills of the City—it will be used to give law enforcement officials more information with the community's involvement so some of the drugs will be taken off the streets. "This is an attempt to do something, in lieu of not doing anything more than we are doing now."

Wesley Jenkins raised the point that "little black kids" will be picked up with will with this law. Ruotolo said

the law will not be enforced in that manner, he will not allow that.

Anti-drug activist Nancy Jones said she agreed with the law, maybe it will help make the streets safer for the elderly and children.

"I approve of it," She said that she was tired of the loud music and cars tearing past all hours of the night as well as picking up the trash the loiterers leave behind after night

time.

Ruotolo concluded this presentation by letting the citizens know that a plus for the City is the fact that Plainfield is the only City in the state with it's own assistant prosecutor's office, and his office will gladly work with the community.

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## Halt forced return of Haitians

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Court has refused to require.

In announcing the Conference, Coopers said the coalition is "a long congressional action to halt the forced repatriation of the Haitian refugees." The coalition expressed its "hope that a clear expression of support by African Americans to end the misguided policy... will encourage Congress to quickly pass legislation to grant Haitians... the 'temporary protected status' they deserve under existing law."

The coalition's announcement stated "The plight of Haitian refugees seeking protection in the United States presents a human rights tragedy of profound dimension. Although the Attorney General is authorized under the Immigration Act of 1990 to grant safe haven to nationals from countries experiencing political instability, civil war or natural disaster, Haitian refugees have been denied this basic protection, in spite of documented violence and turmoil in their troubled country.

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# B-CC replaces Larry Little with Jackson State assistant

DAYTONA BEACH, FLA.(BUSINESS)—Sylvester Collins has always admired the Behrman-Cookman College football program from a distance.

Now that he's the head coach, he has a much closer view that he likes much better.

"There have always been great athletes at B-CC," Collins said. "I think that you have the base for an outstanding program and it is my intention to take that base even further."

After 17 years on the sidelines as an assistant coach for Jackson State and Tennessee State, Collins was named the new B-CC football coach at a January 28th press conference. This is his first head coaching assignment.

"This is an exciting situation for me," Collins admitted. I look forward to moving the name of B-CC up to the level of champion in the Mid Eastern Athletic Conference."

"We will feature an exciting, disciplined football team," Collins added. "Our offensive unit will be a multiple offensive unit and our defensive unit will run and attack the football."

Collins also has a gameplan for what the Wildcats will do in the classroom as well.

"I would like to see a 100 per-

# Payne blasts Bush

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"It is clear the only reason they are being sent back is because they are black and they are poor."

The congressman was the keynote speaker for the Trio Day celebration which consisted of Upward Bound programs throughout the tri-state area funded by the Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1968. Their goal, according to Erwin Ponder, assistant director of Seton Hall's Upward Bound program, was to give high school students the opportunity to network with people who have already established themselves in their selected fields.

"You should leave every speaker you hear today exhausted from all the questions you ask," Ponder said.

Also speaking at the event was Tunde Samuel, the management and production director of the National Black theater in Harlem. Samuel introduced his speech by speaking in three African languages, and gesturing in ways reminiscent of African people from the times of the ancient civilizations until present day America.

"I wanted to give students the knowledge that they are part of a long legacy of struggle, dedication, and commitment," Samuel said.

"There is a long path of our people on whose shoulders we stand," he added. "I wanted the students to see the commitment people made for them and question the type of commitment they are willing to make toward others."

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# EO housing conference

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son, Director of Policy, Planning and Development. "The conference will have information beneficial to developers, homeowners, investors, realtors and non-profit organizations interested in affordable housing."

Highlights of the conference include a housing fair sponsored by the state's Housing and Mortgage and Finance Agency. On Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., realtors, banks, and mortgage companies will be on hand to discuss with prospective home buyers home ownership opportunities through HPMA. Also during the conference, the City will discuss the details of its \$12 million HOME program. The federal funds will be used for the City's housing rehabilitation, tenant-based assistance and first time home buyers program.

The conference will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. For more information call 201-266-5411.

# Plainfield Optimist's look forward to working with youth

by Denise M. Germain

PLAINFIELD — The Optimist Club of Plainfield, who intend to be known as the friend of city youth, held their charter presentation and banquet, recently at the Grant Avenue Community Center.

The club, which was formed in September 1991, consists of 25-30 Plainfield residents who are enjoyable to give back to the community by making their free time available to the city's young people. One of the main goals of the group is to give the youth activities that are enjoyable and will teach them something.

One of the banquet organizers, Jeffrey Barnes, said that "often in the past there isn't anything for the kids to do. We want to give them some options that will keep them

out of trouble and give them the positive reinforcement that is important for kids, especially in these times."

President of the Plainfield chapter, Jeffrey Adkins, stated that thus far the club has been involved in raising funds along with their sponsor, the Optimist Club of Newark, for several scholarships in the amounts of \$1,000 and \$5,000. The group has also held an essay contest in which the winners will go on to compete throughout the state and maybe later on a national level. The group also plans to have several outdoor activities during the summer months for kids.

The evening's agenda included the presentation of the new club's charter, club banner, and club creed by officials in the organization and also a keynote speaker, who discussed the peer pressure and other elements that plague youth today. Even the city's mayor addressed the audience. Mayor Harold Mitchell told the crowd of the importance of the youth of the city and how role models are greatly needed. He said he felt that the members of this club were the kind of role models that the kids should look up to, also stating that he was considering joining the group himself. Club member George Gore said he was looking forward to doing great things with the youth of Plainfield.

There are 44 other clubs throughout the state, who all deal primarily with finding positive outlets for youngsters. In the upcoming warmer months, the group is planning a track and field event, where the youths will compete against each other for prizes.

# UCC cagers defeat ECC, win Region XIX, Division III title

NEWARK — Union County College's unheralded men's basketball team pulled off another upset on Sunday, March 1, at Essex County College, over Keystone Junior College of Pennsylvania, to win the Region XIX, Division III title, of the Regional Junior College Athletic Association.

The Owls (20-11) won by a

score of 88-86 with freshman Jamar Raymond of Linden hitting two free throws with 26 seconds remaining to clinch the victory.

Raymond led all scorers with 34 points for Union while Ponce Vines of Elizabeth scored 20 points and Leonard Hughley of Newark netting 12 points and 11 rebounds.

Union defeated Bergen County

Community College in the first round and upset top-seeded Hudson County College in the semi-final round. This marked the first Region XIX title ever for Union in men's basketball.

Union will participate in the national Division III tournament, beginning March 18, at Delhi Community College in Delhi, N.Y.

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